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Township launches Help Our Heroes to provide local medical supplies

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (April 3, 2020) – In order to help protect The Woodlands from COVID-19, The Woodlands Township Board of Directors has launched the Help Our Heroes campaign to collect crucial Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) supplies for local first responders and hospitals.

"Healthcare professionals and first responders around the nation are in dire need of specific medical supplies to treat COVID-19 patients, and Montgomery County, Harris County and The Woodlands Township are not immune," said Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, who is serving as Public Health Liaison for The Woodlands Township Board of Directors. "There are shortages of PPE in Montgomery County and Harris County, and this makes our efforts more urgent. We want to be ahead of potential shortages that can occur quickly."

Dr. Sekula-Gibbs said there are two collection days, Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Woodlands Fire Department Central Fire Station, 9951 Grogan's Mill Road, 77380. The Woodlands Fire Department will have signage up of where to drop off the supplies. For questions, please email Chief Palmer Buck at the following email: pbuck@thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov.

Supplies needed include: isolation gowns, masks (N95s, surgical, procedure, face shields, or any type), gloves, hair covers, PAPR hoods (these are typically only used when doing an aerosolizing procedure), eyewear such as face shields, reusable goggles or disposable glasses, boot and shoe covers, germicidal wipes, disinfectant spray, paper towels.

The Woodlands Fire Department will coordinate delivery efforts to county emergency facilities once the supplies are delivered to Central Fire Station. <u>View flyer</u>.

Please visit <u>www.thewoodlandstownhip-tx.gov/covid19</u> for more information about COVID-19 impacts and The Woodlands Township.